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To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The purpose of this letter is to report on the status of budget authority that was proposed for rescission, but for which Congress failed to pass a rescission bill as defined in section 1011 of the Impoundment Control Act.

In his seventh special message for fiscal year 1981, dated March 17, 1981, the President proposed 81 rescissions totalling \$11.1 billion in budget authority that had been made available for various programs and agencies.

Section 1012(b) of the Impoundment Control Act requires that funds proposed for rescission be made available for obligation unless the Congress completes action on a rescission bill within the 45-day period of continuous session of the Congress following the date such proposal is received by the Congress. For rescission proposals R81-38 thru R81-122, the 45-day period ended on May 17, 1981, without the Congress having passed such a bill.

We have confirmed that on May 18, 1981, the budget authority covered by these rescission proposals was apportioned by the Office of Management and Budget to the proper agencies for allotment to the programs involved.

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[Status of Budget Authority Proposal for Rescission]

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